

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 23-24 have been cancelled. Claim 21 has been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 25-28 are new. Claims 21, 22, and 25-28 are pending.

Figure 2 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection to the drawings set forth in the Office Action. Specifically, lines in Figure 2 are now uniformly thick and well-defined.

Figure 8 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection to the drawings set forth in the Office Action. Specifically, reference numbers for the claimed feature have been added to Figure 8.

The specification has been amended to delete the claim of priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/615,967, to overcome the objections stated in the Office Action, and to conform the specification to the above-mentioned change to Figure 8.

The Examiner has rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 USC 101. Claim 21 has been amended to recite “an analysis engine *embodied in a computer security system*” (language added by amendment in italics), which is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 101 with respect to both claim 21 and claim 22, which depends from claim 21. Support for the amendment may be found, without limitation, in the application at page 7, lines 4-8 and page 16, line 19 – page 17, line 22.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 21 and 22 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 21 has been amended to include all of the limitations of independent claim 19 and intervening claim 20, from which claim 21 depended. It is therefore believed that claim 21 is allowable. Claim 22 depends from claim 21 and is believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 21.

New claims 25-26 recite methods executed by the systems of claims 21-22, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that claims 25-26 are also allowable.

New claims 27-28 recite program code for carrying out the methods of claims 25-26, respectively. Therefore, it is believed that claims 27-28 are also allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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